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SUBJECT - PROP Review - Public Safety Project No. 525-11-710-044

REFERENCE -

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subject to submission satisfactory answers B & C
The L.A. PROP Review Panel conditionally approved this PROP for /below
the life of the project on September 21, 1971. The Panel had the
following comments or questions:

- A. The PROP stated the objective of strengthening the GN Narcotics Control and Enforcement Program in only one paragraph. This objective was not consistently cited in the targets projected for future fiscal years. The Panel realizes that the Mission may still be in the process of formulating, with the GOP, a suitable narcotics assistance program. We expect Mission to submit PROP revision if they plan further activity in this area.
- B. The Panel recalled that in 1967 nearly two million dollars of supporting assistance funds (SA) were used to establish and equip four public order companies, versed in riot control techniques (Flying Squads), within the Guardia Nacional. The PROP proposes assistance to the GN to establish a 150 man riot control unit. To what extent does the current riot control assistance proposal duplicate our earlier efforts in riot control?
- C. The Panel also noted that over eight thousand GN personnel had been trained in civil police techniques during the AID Public Safety Program in Panama. Training continues to be emphasized in the current PROP. AID/W would appreciate a Mission analysis of the number of GN personnel trained (long term and short term) in civil police techniques and still performing civil police functions

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